

Christian Community Health Fellowship

Organization Description

Christian Community Health Fellowship (CCHF) is a 24-year-old organization that encourages and supports a growing number of health care workers and ministries that are involved in various forms of health care with underserved communities. Through publications, conferences, networking and technical assistance, CCHF has helped these ministries grow in meeting the health care needs in poor communities. For the last six years, during their annual conference, CCHF has organized a workshop track specifically for those interested in getting started.

Project Description

Five organizations have joined forces to form the Compassion Capital Program Collaborative. It is designed to assist recently formed faith-based and community-based health care ministries to become sustainable and to become effective health care access points for poor and needy populations. A strong network of health care professionals will provide appropriate technical assistance to these fledgling ministries.

Geographic Scope of Project

Nationwide. CCHF is a national network with members in 48 states. The core of their technical assistance project is a workshop, held twice a year in Chicago, which provides basic information to those interested in developing a health care ministry in their communities. Consultants are available to provide technical assistance to groups who are various stages of start-up.

Partnering Organizations

The Christian Community Health Fellowship is the lead agency joining together with:

- Christ Community Medical Center
- Christian Medical and Dental Association
- Jericho Road Foundation
- Lawndale Christian Health Center

Sub-Awards

The emphasis of this project is targeted, professional technical assistance consultation and heavy emphasis on directed sub-awards that are granted to newly and recently formed ministries based on clear objectives. They plan to give \$750,000 in sub-awards in the first year.

Project Objectives

They want to see 20 or 30 community-based health care centers become effective and financially viable as a result of this project. Specific objectives include:

1. To establish an efficient system of technical assistance for health care centers.
2. To provide financial sub-awards to 10-26 centers for helping them become viable and effective.

Project Strategies

- Provide intensive 3-day TA workshops.
- Provide targeted TA consultations on-site.
- Develop a Technical Assistance Resource Center.
- Send leaders of newly formed faith-based and community healthcare organizations for site visits with exemplary health care programs.
- Identify best practices and disseminate information.

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